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1. The USIA Chemical Department is now carrying out a systematic program of personnel reduction, and business is virtually at a standstill. Three long-time Communists were dismissed from the Chemical Department and not assigned to other USIA jobs. [redacted]

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2. USIA recently began the sale of certain unstated products for schillings at prices as much as 50% below those of the world market.*

* Comment: As [] reported reductions in the work schedule and purchases in the USIA electrical industry, it is emphasized that the cut in prices of some USIA products may be due to surplus stocks, a shortage in schilling funds, or price competition from non-USIA firms.

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